

## LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Parks, Libraries & Arts

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

5:05 p.m.

Third Floor, City Hall

**Present:**  
**Chair:** CM Stuckel  
**Vice Chair:** CM Henderson  
**Members:** CM Peden, CW Welch, CM B. Ackerson,  
CM Blackwell and CM Jon Ackerson

**Also Present:** Kelly Downard

Chairman Stuckel began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

### Pending Legislation

O-58-04-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32.371 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES [LMCO] RELATING TO THE LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY MASTER PLAN

**Status:** In-Committee-Tabled  
**Committee:** Parks, Libraries & Arts  
**Primary Sponsor:** Vicki Aubrey Welch

Motion to untable made by James Peden and seconded by Robert Henderson.

**Discussion:** Craig Buthod, Director of Louisville Free Public Library spoke to the Committee regarding additional questions that was asked at the last meeting. The following was discussed.

- ❖ The projects that were identified for potential Federal Stimulus money
  - Portland Library Renovation
  - Shawnee Renovation/Expansion
  - Western Renovation
  - Three separate pieces of Renovations at the Main Library
- ❖ The Courier Journal had a headline article after the last meeting that stated none of the Library projects were eligible for Federal Stimulus money. Mr. Buthod felt that was an error.
  - The Library projects are eligible for Federal Stimulus money under the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
  - Community Development Block Grants are allocated to cities under a formula
  - The City of Louisville is eligible for 3.2 Million Dollars under the CDBG Program
  - The Library projects will be competing with other projects. The above projects do qualify
  - CDBG – under three years the money will have to be spent
- ❖ Recommendation to explore ways of how the project will be funded
  - CM Stuckel stated he would like to put together a Committee made up with a couple of Council Members, members from the Library Foundation, representative from the Library Staff and the Mayor's Administration
  - Mr. Buthod stated he could not state if they could create a committee but he and the Library Foundation would be delighted to work with them.
  - A plan has to be adopted for the State to fund the projects and to seek support from Legislatures

For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Glen Stuckel, Robert Henderson, Vicki Aubrey Welch, Rick Blackwell, Jon Ackerson, James Peden, Brent Ackerson

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar** on the 5/14/09 Council Agenda.

**CW Welch made a motion to Adjourn without objection.**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M**

**\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on May 14, 2009.**

**MEM**